

Serial No. **09/234,518**
Amendment dated **July 6, 2005**
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15-18, 20, 21, and 23-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 15, 16, 18, and 23 are amended and claims 14, 19, 50-64 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter); (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal (if necessary). Entry is thus requested.

Further to a telephone conference with the Examiner in July 2005, the cancellation of the above claims places this application in condition for allowance and to expedite the prosecution.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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